

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following new paragraph(s) at page 3, line 20 (immediately after the paragraph entitled "Summary of the Invention"):

Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a side cross-sectional view of an exemplary embodiment of a mill blank and an exemplary embodiment of a mold for making the same.

Figure 2 is a side cross-sectional view of an exemplary embodiment of a mill blank having a handle attached thereto.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 1, with the following amended paragraph.

Blanks 20 of composite may be made in any desired shape or size, including cylinders, bars, cubes, polyhedra, ovoids, and plates. Molds 10 may be made of a variety of materials, including stainless steel, cobalt alloys, nickel alloys, aluminum alloys, plastic, glass, ceramic, or combinations thereof. Alternatively, a variety of methods for forming and shaping the blanks into any desired configuration can be employed, such as injection molding, centrifugal casting and extrusion. During polymerization and curing, compression from springs or other means may optionally be used to reduce internal stresses. Preferably, the outer surface of the blank is smooth and non tacky.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 20, with the following amended paragraph.

Optionally, where a mold is used to shape the paste, excess paste material can be trimmed from the mold. The cured past is then removed from the mold. Another optional step that can be performed in making a mill blank 20 is to mount a handle 30 onto the cured paste. Preferably, the handle is a holder stub.